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**REMARKS** 

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 27-34. In order to expedite prosecution and advance the allowed claims towards issuance, Applicants have cancelled the

rejected claims, i.e., Claims 21-26, 35, 36, and 37-41. Applicants respectfully request a Notice of

Allowance for the allowed claims to be issued promptly.

Applicants respectfully maintain that the cancellation of these claims make no admission

as to their patentability. In fact, Applicants have filed a continuation application claiming

priority to the present application in which the presently cancelled claims are pursued.

No fee is believed due in connection with this response. If this is incorrect, the

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-0630. Applicants invite

the Examiner to call the undersigned if any issues may be resolved through a telephonic

conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

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